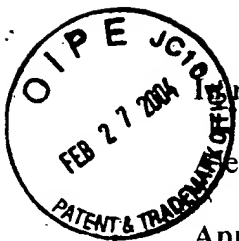


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Sir:

This Response is in response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response. This Response is accompanied by a request for a two-month extension of time, which resets the deadline to March 3, 2004.